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WATER UTILISATION EFFICIENCY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a programme for improving water utilisation efficiency in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry in cooperation with Agriculture Ministry and respective State Governments proposes to launch programmes for water utilisation efficiency in rain-fed areas;

(d) if so, whether any training programmes for farmers regarding water utilisation efficiency are proposed to be launched; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF.SAIF- UD- DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) For efficient utilisation of irrigation water at farm level, following new initiative have been taken by the Ministry of Water Resources under restructured Command Area Development and Water Management Programme.

(i) Correction of system deficiencies above the outlet level up to distributaries of 4.25 cumec (150 Cusecs.)

(ii) Renovation and desilting of existing irrigation tanks including the related irrigation system and control structures within the designated command with a minimum 10% beneficiary contribution as maintenance fund, the interest from which has to be used for maintenance in future;

(iii) For increased participation of beneficiaries, a provision of 10% contribution either in cash or in the form of labour has been made mandatory for selected activities like construction of field channels, reclamation of waterlogged areas;

(iv) Implementation of Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) Programme. Ministry of Water Resources has also taken up studies in respect of water use efficiency of few major and medium projects in the country.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.